

REMARKS

I. Introduction

With the cancellation herein without prejudice of claims 34 and 53, claims 29 to 33, 35 to 52, and 54 to 57 are pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

II. Objections to the Drawings

Concerning the objections to the drawings, it is believed and respectfully submitted that an illustration of heat conducting vanes is not required for an understanding of the subject matter claimed. Accordingly, no further drawings are believed to be required.

Withdrawal of these objections is therefore respectfully requested.

III. Objection to the Specification

Concerning the objection to the Specification, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to, e.g., page 3, lines 21 to 24 of the Specification.

Withdrawal of this objection is therefore respectfully requested.

IV. Rejection of Claims 29 to 37, 48 to 52, and 56 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Concerning the rejection of claims 29 to 37, 48 to 52, and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, the Examiner will note that claim 33 has been amended herein to recite "an insulating body which thermally insulates the metering in device from a tube shaped transporting line" and that "the flow of the high-temperature material is entrained in the tube shaped transporting line."

Withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

V. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Regarding the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102, the Examiner will note that claim 33 has been amended herein without prejudice to include all of the features of claim 34, which was indicated to include allowable subject matter, and that claim 53 has been canceled herein without prejudice.

Withdrawal of these rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

VI. Allowed Claims 38 to 47

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 38 to 47 are allowed.

VII. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter included in claims 29 to 32, 34 to 37, 48 to 52, and 54 to 57. Claim 33 has been amended herein without prejudice to include all of the features included in claim 34, and claims 52, 54, and 57 have been rewritten herein in independent form. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 29 to 32, 34 to 37, 48 to 52, and 54 to 57 are in condition for immediate allowance.

VIII. Conclusion

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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